



EXPLORE NORTH EAST INDIA
SEKRENYI FESTIVAL TOUR OF NAGALAND 2019
SMALL GROUP TOUR

TRAVEL DATES	START: FEBRUARY 17, 2019	END: MARCH 2, 2019 (14 DAYS)
GROUP SIZE	MINIMUM: 2	MAXIMUM: 12
TOUR PRICE	LAND ONLY: £ 2350 PER PERSON ON TWIN SHARING BASIS FLIGHT PRICES STARTING FROM £ 560 (PRICE DEPENDS ON FLIGHT PRICES AT THE TIME OF BOOKING) SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: AVAILABLE AT £ 300 <i>PRICES ARE ALL INCLUSIVE WITH NO HIDDEN OR LOCAL PAYMENTS</i>	
FLIGHTS	WE CAN ARRANGE TO BOOK FLIGHTS FOR YOU THROUGH OUR PARTNER TRAVEL AGENT OR YOU CAN ARRANGE YOUR OWN FLIGHTS AND WE WILL ARRANGE FOR YOUR TRANSFER FROM THE PLACE WHERE THE TOUR STARTS	



Overview

The tour takes you to the state of Nagaland during the Sekrenyi festival of the Angami tribe and further into remote Nagaland to meet the last of the headhunting Konyak Nagas, you will also visit the historic district of Mokokchung – the land of the Ao Nagas – the place where the American Baptist missionaries first came into contact with the Nagas. Visit the Lungwa village, where the village chief's house sits amidst the India-Burmese border. Also in this trip visit Kaziranga National Park, which is home to the one horned rhinos, the Majuli islands, world's largest river island, much threatened by climate change and the seat of Neo Vaishnavism cult. End your tour with a relaxing stay at a tea garden estate in Jorhat.

Destinations

Guwahati-Kaziranga-Majuli- Mon-Sibsagar-Mokokchung-Tuophema-Kohima-Jorhat

Detailed Itinerary

Feb 17: Reach Guwahati airport, the gateway to the North East India, where you will be received by our representative and transferred to the hotel. Rest of the evening relax. (D)

Feb 18: Guwahati- Kaziranga (170 km, 5 hrs.) - Early in the morning after breakfast, drive 5 hours to reach Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site and a biodiversity hotspot. The one animal that Kaziranga is globally famous for is the one-horned rhinoceros, that finds two-thirds of its total population in the world right here. A flurried abundance of avifaunal species (more than 400 in total), unusually tall elephant grass, marshland, numerous water bodies and intimidating broadleaf forests pitch in to make Kaziranga a world renowned wildlife conservation site. Check in at a jungle lodge/resort and rest of the evening at leisure. (B.L.D)

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Feb 19: Kaziranga- Early in the morning embark on an elephant safari, which gives you ample opportunity to see the varied wildlife found in the park, as elephants can approach very close to these wild animals. In the afternoon, go on a jeep safari that will take you deeper into the jungle. (B.L.D)

Feb 20: Kaziranga- Majuli (100 km. by road to Nimatighat, 2.5 hrs., 1 hr. ferry crossing)- You will go for a very early morning jeep safari and then drive to Nimatighat near Jorhat and catch a ferry to go to Majuli island, the largest river island in the world and the seat of Assamese Neo- Vaishnavite culture. Here experience a unique stay at a traditional bamboo hut. Rest of the day explore the island, much threatened by climate changes and meet the locals. (B.L.D)

Feb 21: Majuli- Mon (180 km, 7 hrs) - In the morning, you will start your journey to Mon, located along the India-Myanmar border and the home of Konyak Nagas, this is where you will experience real Naga fierceness and tradition as the last case of headhunting in Nagaland was reported in Mon in the later part of the 1980s. Here, besides semi-traditional villages and tattooed warriors in loincloths you will find the densest landscape. Go for a trek and meet the villagers and witness the customs and traditions. (B.L.D)

Feb 22: In the morning you will go to the village of Lungwa, situated on the Myanmar border. Here you will visit the Chief's house, which sits on the India- Myanmar border. The chief has dozens of wives and his house is decorated with trophies of various animal skulls. Here experience the traditions and hospitality of the Naga Konyak tribe. After lunch you can explore the villages around. (B.L.D)

Feb 23: Mon- Sibsagar (120 km, 5 hrs) the place of the Ahoms of Assam, literally meaning 'Ocean of Shiva' is replete with traces of history and mythology through its enigmatic palaces and temples. Major attractions here are Rang Ghar, the dual-storied amphitheatre, seven-storied palace of Kareng Ghar with Talatal Ghar being its below-ground level three-storied secret getaway through two exit tunnels, and the various lakes Borpukhuri (meaning big pond) flowing at a higher level than the town itself, and the famed temples of Sivadol, Vishnudol and Devidol. General sightseeing to the above places after reaching Sibsagar. (B.L.D)

Feb 24: Sibsagar- Mokokchung (130 km, 5 hrs), the home town of the Ao Nagas. Explore the town of Mokokchung and evening in the hotel. (B.L.D)

Feb 25: Today you will visit the villages of Mapungchuket, Impur and Longkhum and witness the way of life of the Ao tribe. Return to your hotel in Mokokchung. (B.L.D)

Feb 26-27: Mokokchung- Tuophema (120 km, 4 hrs.) In the morning drive to Tuophema, for the 'sekrenyi festival' of the Angami tribe of Nagaland. Sekrenyi is a 10 days festival, which takes place after the harvest and follows a circle of rituals and ceremonies. A festival of singing, dancing, feasting, hunting and various games played among the villages. In Tuophema, stay in the community cottage, a collaborative project between the Govt. and the local people, these are traditional Naga styled huts with basic amenities but the best way of experiencing rural Nagaland. The huts are located close to the venue for the Sekrenyi festival. (B.L.D)

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Feb 28: In the morning drive to Kohima, the capital of the Nagas and 45 km. from Tuophema. Visit the Kohima War Cemetery, maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in honour of the 1420 soldiers killed during Battle of Kohima and World War II. Then go to the State Museum which house a rare collection of artefacts from each of the Naga tribes. After lunch drive to Khonoma, the first green village of the country and in the evening drive back to Kohima. (B.L.D)

Mar 1: Kohima- Jorhat (196 km., 7 hrs.)- In the morning drive to Jorhat, also called the cultural capital of Assam and has the world's oldest and largest Tea Experimental station. Here stay at a tea estate bungalow, located amidst lush green tea gardens. (B.L.D)

Mar 2: You will be dropped at Jorhat airport for your onward journey home. Tour ends. (B)

Inclusions

All meals as indicated above (B- Breakfast, L-Lunch, D- Dinner)
13 Nights' accommodation on tour
Transport by Toyota Innova or similar (Toyota Innova is a MUV)
Tour Guide including local guides in various location.
All entrance fees
02 Jeep and 01 elephant safari
All transfers
Bottled water

Exclusions

Camera fees
Visa
Travel/medical Insurance
Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, snacks between meals
Tips for local staff

Accommodation

We try to use the best accommodation available whichever place we go. However, given the remoteness of the destination, some of them maybe basic but clean and comfortable. In this tour our accommodation ranges from colonial styled Bungalows, city/ town hotels, jungle lodges lodges and huts styled in traditional way. We have received excellent reviews from our guests for these accommodation.

Hotel Shoolin Grand, Guwahati
Iora Resort or similar
Mepo Okum Traditional Hut, Majuli
Traditional Hut stay, Tuophema
Hotel Eastgate, Kohima
Hotel Brahmaputra, Sivasagar
Hotel Whispering Wind, Mokokchung
Helsa Guest House, Mon
Banyan Grove, Jorhat

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Suggested Flight

All Flights by Jet Airways/ Jet Konnect

1. 9W 121W 16 Feb 5 LHRDEL*HK2 2050 1040
2. 9W 721W 17 Feb 6 DELGAU*HK2 1405 1625
3. 9W2642W 2 Mar 6 JRHCCU*HK2 1325 1550
4. 9W 628W 2 Mar 6 CCUBOM*HK2 2120 0010
5. 9W 120W 3 Mar 7 BOMLHR*HK2 0225 0700

Food

Food is prepared using local, fresh produce in most places and maybe mildly spiced for Indian food, local cuisine, continental, Chinese is also available in some of the places. If you have any dietary requirements please mail us at the time of the booking and we will take care wherever possible.

Passport and Visa Requirements

A passport (with at least six months remaining validity) and a current Indian visa are required for this trip. Please note that you are required to have a passport with a machine-readable bar code. You will need to apply for your Indian visa in advance from the relevant issuing authority in your home country. British Passport holders can apply for an e-Tourist Visa, a single entry visa valid for 30 days. Please visit the website <https://www.hcilondon.in/pages.php?id=28>

Travel Insurance

It is recommended that you take out appropriate insurance to cover personal accident, medical costs, repatriation, loss of baggage and holiday cancellation.

Vaccinations

Please visit your GP for guidance for vaccinations while travelling to India. Please also visit this website for more details [http://www.fitfortravel.scot.nhs.uk/destinations/asia-\(east\)/india.aspx](http://www.fitfortravel.scot.nhs.uk/destinations/asia-(east)/india.aspx)

Climate

Assam and Nagaland, the states that you will be visiting during this tour will have moderate temperatures, not cold or hot in February.

Clothing

It is recommended to carry fleece or a jacket as night temperatures drop.

Currency

The currency used is Indian Rupee. It is recommended to get your money exchanged on arrival at Delhi airport.